

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended): An outboard motor having a body which includes a propulsion unit and an internal combustion engine for driving the propulsion unit, and a cover for covering the internal combustion engine detachably, comprising:

a controller for controlling the internal combustion engine and a radio communication apparatus connected to the controller, both of which are housed inside of the cover; [and]

an antenna of the radio communication apparatus which is mounted on the outboard motor[.] ; and

an operational condition detecting device for detecting an operational condition of the internal combustion engine, wherein

the radio communication apparatus transmits to an outside an operational condition detected signal output from the operational condition detecting device.

2. (Previously Presented): The outboard motor according to claim 1, wherein the antenna is fixed in the cover.

3. (Previously Presented): The outboard motor according to claim 1, wherein the antenna is fixed to a surface of the cover.

4. (Previously Presented): The outboard motor according to claim 1, wherein the antenna is disposed along a surface of the cover.

5. (Previously Presented): The outboard motor according to claim 1, wherein the cover is made of a resin and the antenna is attached to an inner surface of the cover.

6. (Previously Presented): The outboard motor according to claim 1, wherein a cable is provided extending from the antenna to the radio communication apparatus and the cable is run along the surface of the cover.

7. (Previously Presented): The outboard motor according to claim 1, wherein the controller and the radio communication apparatus are mounted onto the body, and a connector is provided for connecting/disconnecting the radio communication apparatus and the antenna while the cover is detached from the body.

8. (Previously Presented): An outboard motor having according to claim 1, wherein the cover is made of a resin, and

out of the controller, the radio communication apparatus and the antenna, at least the antenna is fixed to the inside of the cover via a shock absorber.

9. (Previously Presented): An outboard motor according to claim 8, wherein an antenna is covered with a gel agent as a shock absorber.

10. (Previously Presented): The outboard motor according to claim 9, further comprising a container which is fixed in the cover, wherein the radio communication apparatus and the antenna are covered entirely with a gel agent that is filled in the container.

11. (Previously Presented): The outboard motor according to claim 10, wherein the controller is covered entirely with a gel agent that is filled in the container, together with the radio communication apparatus and the antenna.

12. (Previously Presented): The outboard motor according to claim 10 or 11, wherein the container is fixed to an inner surface of the cover.

13. (Previously Presented): The outboard motor according to claim 10 or 11, wherein the container is fixed to the internal combustion engine.

14. (Previously Presented): The outboard motor according to claim 1, further comprising a communication apparatus housing portion for inserting the radio communication apparatus into the cover in such a manner that the radio communication apparatus is accessible from an outside.

15. (Cancelled).

16. (Previously Presented): The outboard motor according to claim 14, wherein the communication apparatus housing portion includes a lid portion which is a part of the cover, and a holding member for holding the communication apparatus inside the cover, the holding member being connected to the lid portion so as to be housed inside the cover, and the lid portion is retractably pivoted about the cover.

17. (Previously Presented): The outboard motor according to claim 14, wherein the communication apparatus housing portion is provided with a communication connector which is compatible with a connection terminal of the communication apparatus so as to connect the communication apparatus housed in the communication apparatus housing portion and the operational condition detecting device.

18. (Previously Presented): The outboard motor according to claim 16, wherein the holding member has a shock absorbing function for protecting the communication apparatus housed in the communication apparatus housing portion.

19. (Previously Presented): The outboard motor according to claim 16, wherein the cover and the lid portion of the communication apparatus housing portion are made of a resin.

20. (Previously Presented): The outboard motor according to claim 17, wherein the communication connector is provided connectable to a remote controller for remotely controlling the communication apparatus.

21. (Currently Amended): The outboard motor according to claim 1 or 14 [or 15], wherein the communication apparatus is a portable phone.